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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201


Dear Secretary Sebelius:

As Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight, I write to request information regarding the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) use of taxpayer dollars on contracts for public relations, advertisements, polling, message testing, and similar services. By no later than June 1, 2012, please provide a list of all of HHS's contracts for these services awarded on or after January 1, 2008. This list should include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The name of the contractor and all subcontractors;
2. A brief description of the contract and the work performed;
3. The cost of the contract;
4. Copies of all work product produced under the contract;
5. The source of the contract's funding;
6. The contract number;
7. The date of the contract award;
8. The type of competition under which the contract was awarded;
9. A description of the target audience (geographic, demographic, or other) of contractor or subcontractor communication or contact, if any; and
10. The agency that awarded the contract.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If your staff should have any questions, they should contact [REDACTED] at (202) 225-5522.

Sincerely,


Charles Boustany, MD
Chairman